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The present invention provides nuclear localisation signals derived from the DP-3 and E2F-1 transcription factors and the use of these signals in assays for regulators of cell cycle progression. Such assays involve using the signals to direct a marker gene to the nucleus and determining whether the nuclear localisation of the marker is disrupted by the presence of a putative regulator.

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# DP AND E2F PROTEIN NUCLEAR LOCALISATION SIGNALS AND THEIR USE

The present invention relates to the use of the E region of the transcription factor DP-3 as a target for novel assays and its use as a nuclear localisation signal.

The orderly progress of cells through the cell cycle involves a number of control points which assess the status of the intracellular and extracellular environment. A major control point, occurring as cells enter S phase, involves the cellular transcription factor E2F, a molecule implicated in the regulation of S phase gene expression (Nevins, 1992; La Thangue, 1994; Müller, 1995; Weinberg, 1995). An important for E2F in early cell cycle control is suggested by the nature of the proteins which influence its transcriptional activity. For example, members of the group

- of pocket proteins, exemplified by the retinoblastoma tumour suppressor gene product (pRb), repress the transcriptional activity of E2F (Hiebert et al., 1992; Zamanian and La Thangue, 1992; 1993; Schwarz et al., 1993; Wolf et al.,
- 1995). The ability to repress E2F correlates with the capacity of pRb, or its relatives, to negatively regulate early cell cycle progression (Hiebert et al., 1992; Zamanian and La Thangue, 1992; Hinds et al., 1992; Zhu et al., 1993;
- 25 1995a). Furthermore, growth arrest caused by high level expression of pRb can be overcome by increasing the level of E2F (Zhu et al., 1993), implying that E2F is a principal physiological target through which pRb exerts its effects on the cell cycle. Another group of molecules which regulate
- cell cycle transitions, the cyclins and their associated catalytic regulatory subunits, also interact with and control the activity of E2F (Bandara et al., 1991; Lees et al., 1992; Zhu et al., 1995b). Cyclins A, E and D together with an appropriate catalytic subunit can influence the
- biological activity of pocket proteins (Hinds et al., 1992;
  Dowdy et al., 1993; Ewen et al., 1993; Sherr, 1993), and

direct phosphorylation by cyclinA-cdk2 is believed to interfere with the DNA binding activity of E2F (Krek et al., 1994; 1995).

The physiological regulation of E2F activity imparted by these afferent signalling proteins can be subverted by viral oncoproteins, such as adenovirus E1a, human papilloma virus E7 and SV40 large T antigen, through their ability to release active E2F by sequestering pocket proteins and cyclin/cdk complexes (Bandara and La Thangue, 1991;

- 10 Chellappan et al., 1991; 1992; Morris et al., 1993). This property correlates with the ability of these viral oncoproteins to transform tissue culture cells, again implicating E2F as an important physiological target in virally-medicated oncogenesis.
- 15 Considerable progress has been made in elucidating the composition of E2F. It is now known the E2F DNA binding activity defined in mammalian cell extracts is a generic activity caused by an array of DNA binding heterodimers made up from two distinct families of proteins, known as E2F and
- DP (La Thangue, 1994). Five members of the E2F family, from E2F-1 to E2F-5, have been isolated, each protein possessing preferential specificity for pocket proteins (Helin et al., 1992; Kaelin et al., 1992; Shan et al 1992; Ivey-Hoyle et al., 1993; Lees et al., 1993; Beijersbergen et al., 1994;
- Ginsberg et al., 1994; Buck et al., 1995; Hijmans et al., 1995; Sardet et al., 1995). For example, E2F-1 is regulated by pRb, and E2F-4 by p107 and p130 (Helin et al., 1993a; Flemington et al., 1993; Beijersbergen et al., 1994; 1995; Ginsberg et al., 1994; Vairo et al., 1995). Three members
- of the DP family are known (Girling et al.,1993; 1994;
  Ormondroyd et al., 1995; Wu et al., 1995; Zhang and
  Chellappan, 1995), DP-1 being a widespread and constitutive
  component of physiological E2F during cell cycle progression
  in some cell types (Girling et al., 1993; Bandara et al.,
- 35 1994). Supporting their role as dominant regulators of the cell cycle, both E2F and DP proteins have been shown to

possess proto-oncogenic activity (Johnson et al., 1994; Jooss et al., 1995).

Our previous characterisation of DP-3 indicated that it is a novel member of the DP family of proteins and that its RNA undergoes extensive alternative splicing (Ormondroyd et al., Processing events in the 5' untranslated region and coding sequence of the RNA give rise to a range of products present in both cell lines and tissues (Ormondroyd et al., 1995). A sequence of 16 amino acid residues within the Nterminal region of the DNA binding domain, known as the E 10 region, is one such region subject to the alternative splicing of DP-3 RNA. Further, in the four DP-3 protein products which have been characterised,  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  constitute E+ forms, whereas  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are E- variants (Ormondroyd et al., 1995). Although E-; extensive sequence conservation is 15 apparent across the DP protein family, a comparison of the known DP protein sequences indicated that they fall into two categories, being either E+ or for example, DP-1 is an Evariant.

#### 20 <u>Description of the Drawing</u>.

Figure 1 shows the DP-3 E-region exon and the patterns of alternate splicing which give rise to E+ and E- forms of DP-3.

### Disclosure of the Invention.

In the present study, we have defined a role for the E region by showing that its inclusion contributes to an alternatively spliced nuclear localization signal: specifically, E+ DP-3 proteins accumulate in the nuclei whereas E- proteins, including DP-1, fail to do so. Without the E region, DP proteins rely upon an alternative mechanism which involves an interaction with an appropriate E2F family member, for example E2F-1, for nuclear accumulation. These

data define two mechanisms of control in the nuclear accumulation of E2F transcription factor influenced by alternative splicing of a nuclear localization signal and subunit composition, and indicate a hitherto unexpected and novel level of control in regulating the levels of the nuclear E2F/DP heterodimer.

The present invention thus provides an assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:

- a. expressing in a cell a protein comprising (i) an E region and sufficient C-terminal residues thereof of a DP-3 protein to provide a functional nuclear localisation signal (NLS) and (ii) a marker for nuclear localization; and
- b. determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.

In a further embodiment of the invention, the finding that DP proteins such as DP-1 lack an NLS indicate that the complex of such DP proteins with an E2F (such as E2F-1) are localised in the nucleus by the presence of an NLS on the E2F protein. The DP-3 NLS is not homologous to the E2F NLS. Thus the E2F NLS forms a further target for antagonists of nuclear localisation of the DP/E2F complex, particularly complexes such as DP-1/E2F-1 which do not comprise an E region. We have identified the nuclear localisation signal region in E2F-1. This region is identified as residues 85-91 of the human E2F-1 sequence shown as SEQ ID NO. 12 below. Thus the invention also provides an assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:

- a. expressing in a cell a protein comprising (i) the nuclear localisation signal of E2F-1 and (ii) a marker for nuclear localization; and
  - determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.

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The proteins defined in parts "a" above will be referred to as the "a protein comprising an NLS-region" and the like for the sake of brevity.

In one embodiment, the E region comprises the sequence:

## 5 SDRKRAREFIDSDFSE (SEQ ID NO. 9)

However, this E region is derived from the murine DP-3 gene and other E regions may be used, for example the human E region or other mammalian E regions. The murine DP-3 alpha, beta, gamma and delta genes are shown as SEQ ID NOs. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 respectively. Other DP-3 genes may be obtained by routine cloning methods. For example, the human DP-3 gene may be cloned by probing a cDNA or genomic library with a nucleic acid probe derived from either a known human DP-gene (e.g. DP-1) and/or the murine DP-3 gene, and positive clones selected and sequenced for the human DP-3 gene. Similar techniques may be used for other mammalian DP-3 genes and will be readily apparent to those of skill in the art.

As described herein, the E region requires a number of Cterminal residues found in the DP-3 sequence in order to
function as an NLS. Desirably, from 6 to 50, e.g 8 to 30
and preferably from 8 to 20 C-terminal residues are used.

Similarly, the NLS of E2F-1 may be used with accompanying Nor C-terminal residues from the natural sequence of this 25 protein, although these are not essential for the activity of the NLS.

Although assays of the invention are preferably based upon naturally occurring NLS-regions sequences and associated C-terminal regions thereof sufficient to act as an NLS, these sequences may also be modified by substitution, deletion or insertion provided that the function of these sequences is substantially retained. The retention of function may be

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tested for in accordance with the description and examples herein. Such modified and functional NLS-regions are included within the definition of the terms "an E region of a DP-3 protein" and "the nuclear localisation signal of E2F-1".

For example, from 1 to 4 substitutions may be made and these are preferably conservative substitutions. Examples of conservative substitutions include those set out in the following table, where amino acids on the same block in the second column and preferably in the same line in the third column may be substituted for each other:

ALIPHATIC	Non-polar	GAP
		ILV
	Polar - uncharged	CSTM
	·	NQ
	Polar - charged	DE
		KR
AROMATIC		нгмү
OTHER		NQDE

Where deletions or insertions are made, these are preferably limited in number for example from 1 to 3 of each.

The cell in which the assay may be conducted is any suitable eukaryotic cell in which the NLS-regions function as nuclear localisation signals. Suitable cell types include yeast, insect or mammalian cells, e.g. primate cells such as COS7 cells.

In the assay according to the invention the marker may be any polypeptide sequence which allows detection of the presence and location (i.e. cytoplasmic vs nuclear) of the protein comprising an NLS region. Suitable markers include an antigenic determinant bindable by an antibody, an enzyme

capable of causing a colour change to a substrate or a luciferase enzyme.

In a preferred embodiment, the marker comprises a transcription factor or subunit thereof, which transcription factor is capable of activating an indicator gene. This embodiment avoids the need for detailed examination of the cell to determine where the marker has located. In this embodiment the activation of transcription of the indicator gene will show that the NLS-regions have been located the protein in the nucleus.

For example, in a preferred embodiment of the invention the protein may comprise a heterologous DNA binding domain such as that of the yeast transcription factor GAL 4. The GAL 4 transcription factor comprises two functional domains.

- These domains are the DNA binding domain (DBD) and the transcriptional activation domain (TAD). By fusing an NLS-region to one of those domains and expressing the other domain in the cell, a functional GAL 4 transcription factor is restored only when two proteins enter the nucleus and
- interact. Thus, interaction of the proteins may be measured by the use of an indicator gene linked to a GAL 4 DNA binding site which is capable of activating transcription of said reporter gene. This assay format is described by Fields and Song, 1989, Nature 340; 245-246. Other
  - transcriptional activator domains may be used in place of the GAL4 TAD, for example the viral VP16 activation domain (Fields and Jang, 1990). In general, fusion proteins comprising DNA binding domains and/or activation domains may be made.
  - 30 The indicator gene may comprise, for example, chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (CAT) or a luciferase.

The NLS may be located at the C-terminal or N-terminal of the marker gene. The NLS may be within all or part of the DP-3 or E2F protein from which it originates, or may be

solely the NLS sequences identified above which provide the necessary NLS function. Thus fragments of DP-3 or an E2F (e.g. E2F-1) of from 15 to 400, eg from 20 to 100 or from 30 to 50 amino acids comprising the NLS may be used. Where the NLS is fused to the N- or C-terminus of a marker gene, the fusion may comprise further sequences at its N- or C-terminus where this is desired or necessary.

In any format, the assay may be used to screen peptides which regulate the function of an NLS. Regulation of the function includes antagonising the function to prevent nuclear localisation although regulators may also be agonists which enhance localisation. Regulation of the NLS may lead to effects such as enhanced cell division, blocking of cell cycle progression or apoptosis, the latter two being particularly preferred. Candidate regulators identified in accordance with the invention may be tested on cells with wild-type DP and E2F proteins to confirm the effect of regulating the NLS.

Such regulators will be useful either in themselves as
potential regulators of cell proliferation or as models for
rational drug design, e.g. by modelling the tertiary
structure of the antagonist and devising chemical analogues
which mimic the structure.

- Candidate regulators include peptides comprising all or part of a sequence which is from 60 to 100% homologous (identical) to a portion of an NLS region of the same length. Extracts of plants which contain several characterised or uncharacterised components may also be used.
- Antibodies directed to the NLS regions form a further class of putative regulator compounds. Candidate regulator antibodies may be characterised and their binding regions determined to provide single chain antibodies and fragments

thereof which are responsible for regulating the interaction.

Other candidate regulator compounds may be based on modelling the 3-dimensional structure of the NLS regions and using rational drug design to provide potential inhibitor compounds with particular molecular shape, size and charge characteristics.

An regulator substance identified using the present invention may be peptide or non-peptide in nature. Non-peptide "small molecules" are often preferred for many in vivo pharmaceutical uses. Accordingly, a mimetic or mimick of the substance (particularly if a peptide) may be designed for pharmaceutical use.

The designing of mimetics to a known pharmaceutically active

compound is a known approach to the development of
pharmaceuticals based on a "lead" compound. This might be
desirable where the active compound is difficult or
expensive to synthesise or where it is unsuitable for a
particular method of administration, e.g. peptides are not

well suited as active agents for oral compositions as they
tend to be quickly degraded by proteases in the alimentary
canal. Mimetic design, synthesis and testing may be used to
avoid randomly screening large number of molecules for a
target property.

There are several steps commonly taken in the design of a mimetic from a compound having a given target property. Firstly, the particular parts of the compound that are critical and/or important in determining the target property are determined. In the case of a peptide, this can be done by systematically varying the amino acid residues in the peptide, e.g. by substituting each residue in turn. These parts or residues constituting the active region of the compound are known as its "pharmacophore".

Once the pharmacophore has been found, its structure is modelled to according its physical properties, e.g. stereochemistry, bonding, size and/or charge, using data from a range of sources, e.g. spectroscopic techniques, X-ray diffraction data and NMR. Computational analysis, similarity mapping (which models the charge and/or volume of a pharmacophore, rather than the bonding between atoms) and other techniques can be used in this modelling process.

In a variant of this approach, the three-dimensional
structure of the ligand and its binding partner are
modelled. This can be especially useful where the ligand
and/or binding partner change conformation on binding,
allowing the model to take account of this the design of the
mimetic.

15 A template molecule is then selected onto which chemical groups which mimic the pharmacophore can be grafted. The template molecule and the chemical groups grafted on to it can conveniently be selected so that the mimetic is easy to synthesise, is likely to be pharmacologically acceptable, and does not degrade in vivo, while retaining the biological activity of the lead compound. The mimetic or mimetics found by this approach can then be screened to see whether they have the target property, or to what extent they exhibit it. Further optimisation or modification can then 25 be carried out to arrive at one or more final mimetics for in vivo or clinical testing.

Antibodies may be obtained using techniques which are standard in the art. Methods of producing antibodies include immunising a mammal (e.g. mouse, rat, rabbit, horse, goat, sheep or monkey) with the protein or a fragment thereof. Antibodies may be obtained from immunised animals using any of a variety of techniques known in the art, and screened, preferably using binding of antibody to antigen of interest. For instance, Western blotting techniques or immunoprecipitation may be used (Armitage et al., 1992,

Nature 357: 80-82). Isolation of antibodies and/or antibody-producing cells from an animal may be accompanied by a step of sacrificing the animal.

As an alternative or supplement to immunising a mammal with a peptide, an antibody specific for a protein may be obtained from a recombinantly produced library of expressed immunoglobulin variable domains, e.g. using lambda bacteriophage or filamentous bacteriophage which display functional immunoglobulin binding domains on their surfaces; for instance see WO92/01047. The library may be naive, that is constructed from sequences obtained from an organism which has not been immunised with any of the proteins (or fragments), or may be one constructed using sequences obtained from an organism which has been exposed to the antigen of interest.

Antibodies according to the present invention may be modified in a number of ways. Indeed the term "antibody" should be construed as covering any binding substance having a binding domain with the required specificity. Thus the invention covers antibody fragments, derivatives, functional equivalents and homologues of antibodies, including synthetic molecules and molecules whose shape mimicks that of an antibody enabling it to bind an antigen or epitope.

Examples of antibody fragments, capable of binding an
antigen or other binding partner are the Fab fragment
consisting of the VL, VH, Cl and CH1 domains; the Fd
fragment consisting of the VH and CH1 domains; the Fv
fragment consisting of the VL and VH domains of a single arm
of an antibody; the dAb fragment which consists of a VH
domain; isolated CDR regions and F(ab')2 fragments, a
bivalent fragment including two Fab fragments linked by a
disulphide bridge at the hinge region. Single chain Fv
fragments are also included.

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A hybridoma producing a monoclonal antibody according to the present invention may be subject to genetic mutation or other changes. It will further be understood by those skilled in the art that a monoclonal antibody can be

5 subjected to the techniques of recombinant DNA technology to produce other antibodies or chimeric molecules which retain the specificity of the original antibody. Such techniques may involve introducing DNA encoding the immunoglobulin variable region, or the complementarity determining regions

10 (CDRs), of an antibody to the constant regions, or constant regions plus framework regions, of a different immunoglobulin. See, for instance, EP184187A, GB 2188638A or EP-A-0239400. Cloning and expression of chimeric antibodies are described in EP-A-0120694 and EP-A-0125023.

The amount of a putative regulator which may be screened in the assay of the invention desirably will be selected to be a concentration which is within 100 fold (above or below) the amount of an NLS-region-containing protein in the cell. By way of guidance this will mean that typically, from about 0.01 to 100 nM concentrations of putative regulator compound may be used, for example from 0.1 to 10 nM.

The assay of the invention may be conducted using transient expression vectors or stably transfected cells. In either case, the protein comprising an NLS-region will be encoded by nucleic acid (preferably DNA) and said nucleic acid will be operably linked to a promoter which is functional in the host cell. The promoter and nucleic acid encoding the protein comprising an NLS-region will usually be part of a vector construct which may also contain signals for termination of transcription, a selectable marker and/or origins of replication functional in the host cell and/or in another cell type (e.g. *E.coli*) so that the vector may be

Where an NLS-region sequence contains substitutions,
deletions or insertions as described above the alterations

manipulated and grown in the other cell type.

to the sequence may be made by manipulation of the nucleic acid sequence to alter the relevant codon(s). This can be achieved by a number of well known standard techniques, e.g. site directed mutagenesis.

Various vectors of this type are described in the Examples herein, and further vectors may be made by those of skill in the art in accordance with routine practice in molecular biology.

In a separate embodiment, the invention also provides a

10 method of directing expression of a protein in a cell to the
nucleus which comprises modifying said protein such that is
comprises an NLS-region and, in the case of a DP-3 derived
NLS, sufficient C-terminal residues thereof of a DP-3
protein to provide a functional nuclear localisation signal

15 (NLS).

Such a method may be used to modify a DP-protein which does not normally comprise an E region so that the DP-protein (e.g. DP-1 or DP-2 does localise to the nucleus. This can be used to study the function of such DP proteins. These proteins are novel and thus form a further aspect of the invention. Desirably the NLS used to modify a DP-protein is a DP-3 derived NLS.

E2F proteins, particularly E2F-4 and E2F-5 which lack an NLS, may also be modifed by an NLS of the invention.

Desirably the NLS used to modify an E2F-protein is an E2F-1-derived NLS.

Modification of such proteins will usually be achieved through the use of recombinant DNA techniques, e.g. using nucleic acid encoding an NLS-region sequence and splicing it to or into nucleic acid encoding the protein of interest. The recombinant nucleic acid may be introduced into an expression vector in a manner analogous to that described above and the vector introduced into a suitable host cell,

e.g. a host cell in which a promoter operably linked to the recombinant DNA coding sequence is capable of driving expression of the DNA. Suitable cell types include those described above.

- 5 The present invention also comprises an assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:
  - a. expressing in a cell (i) an E- DP transcription factor or a portion thereof sufficient to form a hetrodimer with an E2F transcription factor and (ii) an E2F transcription factor or portion thereof sufficient to form a heterodimer with the DP transcription factor or portion thereof and direct localisation of said heterodimer to the nucleus; and
- b. determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.

The assay may be performed under conditions and within cell types as described above for the assay of an NLS-region regulator, and candidate regulators include those described above for the other assays of the invention.

In this assay, a preferred DP transcription factor is DP-1, particularly mammalian DP-1, e.g. rodent or primate, e.g. human. The sequences of human and mouse DP-1 are shown in SEQ ID Nos. 10 and 11 respectively. A preferred E2F is E2F-1, particularly mammalian E2F-1 (SEQ ID No. 12), respectively e.g. rodent or primate, e.g. human.

Where a portion of an E- DP transcription factor is used in such an assay, it may be of any size which is capable of forming a hetrodimer with an E2F transcription factor.

Portions of from 40 to 400, preferably 60 to 200 amino acids may be made by routine recombinant DNA techniques and tested in systems analogous to those described above and below in the accompanying examples for their ability to function as

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required. The portions of the DP protein will generally include substantially all or most of the domain found at amino acids 160 to 220 in DP-1 which is responsible for dimerisation with E2F-1. Where a portion of an E2F transcription factor sufficient to form a heterodimer with the DP transcription factor is used, this may also be made and tested as described above for the portion of the DP factor, and preferably is within the same size ranges and also comprises substantially all or most of the heterodimerisation domain.

The following examples illustrate the invention.

Example 1: The proteins encoded by the spliced variants of DP-3 have distinct intracellular distributions.

The DP-3 gene gives rise to a number of distinct proteins resulting from alternative splicing of its RNA (Ormondroyd 15 et al., 1995). Since the DNA binding and transcription 21 activation properties of the DP-3 variants, referred to as  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ , are not significantly different (Ormondroyd et al., 1995) we considered that the variation within the DP-3 coding sequence may influence other properties of the 20 proteins, such as their biochemical properties. We therefore compared the biochemical extraction properties of  $\beta$  and  $\delta$ , which constitute E- and E+ forms respectively, after sequential treatment with increasing salt 25 concentration and monitoring the levels of protein extracted from transfected COS7 cells.

COS7 cells were trasfected with plasmids carrying the full length coding sequences of DP-3  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  (Ormondroyd et al., 1995) which were cloned into pG4mpoliII (Webster et al., 1989) under the control of the SV40 early promoter. pG4DP-3 $\alpha$ \DeltaE mutant was constructed by substituting a Bsg1 fragment from DP-3 $\beta$  (E-minus) into DP-3 $\alpha$ . A number of other vectors made in connection with other examples are descirbed

here for the sake of brevity: The luciferase expression vector pGL-2 was supplied by Promega, and pGL-E vector derived from pGL-2 by an inframe insertion of a 54 bp Xbal fragment encoding the 16 amino acid residue E region in a single Xbal site in the luciferase coding region. generate pGL-Eb, a PCR fragment was amplified using E5-X (5'GCTCTAGAGCCCAGTATAGA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 14)) and E3-X (5'-GCTCTAGATGTCTCAAGCCTTTCCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 15)) as primers,  $pG4DP-3\alpha$  (Ormondroyd et al., 1995) as the template and cloned into the single Xbal site in pGL-2. pG4-DP-1 has been already described (Bandara et al., 1993) and pRcCMV-HAE2F1 (Krek et al., 1994), expressing HA-tagged human E2F-1 was a gift of Dr W Krek. pCMV-DP-1/NLS was made by inserting a fragment containing the Bel 1 bi-partite NLS (amino acid residue 194 to 227) amplified by PCR into the 15 Kpn1 site (residue 327) of the DP-1 cDNA in pG4-DP-1. nature of all the constructions were confirmed through sequence analysis.

The cells were grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% foetal calf serum (FCS). Cells were 20 transfected by the liposome-mediated method, using the Lipofectin reagent (Gibco BRL) and according to manufacturer's recommendations. Sixty hours after transfection, cells were lysed in ice cold low salt buffer (LSB; 10mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 7.5mM SO4(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 1mM EDTA, 0.025% 25 NP-40) by using 0.2 ml of LSB per 6-cm-diameter dish. Lysates were incubated in ice for 5 min, and centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 3 min. The resulting pellets were resuspended in 0.2 ml of high salt buffer (HSB; 50mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 150mM NaCl, 5mM EDTA, 0.5% NP-40) and centrifuged at 10,000 30 rpm for 5 min. Both buffers, LSB and HSB, were supplemented with protease inhibitors and 1mM dithiothreitol. insoluble material contained in the pellets of the last centrifugation were resuspended in 0.2 ml of SDS-sample 35 buffer.

Usually, about 5% of the different fractions was used in immunoblotting. Samples were separated on a 10% SDS-polyacrylamide gel and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. The membrane was blocked with 5% dried milk powder in PBS for 1 h, anti-DP-3 antibody (1:200, rabbit serum) was added and incubated for additional 1 h at room temperature. After three washes in PBS with 0.2% Tween-20, the blot was incubated with alkaline phosphatase-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG (1:7500, Promega) for 1 h at room temperature, washed three times in PBS-0.2% Tween 20 and developed. Anti serum 7.5, raised against a peptide containing DEEDEEEDPSSPE (SEQ ID NO: 16) derived from DP-3, was used in the immunoblotting experiments.

The initial treatment with low salt (0.01M) releases mostly soluble cytoplasmic proteins, the high salt (0.5M) both 15 nuclear and cytoplasmic, the insoluble material remaining being collected in fraction designated P. When cells expressing the  $\beta$  variant were treated according to this regime and the levels of  $\beta$  monitored by immunoblotting, it was found to be present throughout the fractions, being .20 moderately enriched in the low salt fraction. In contrast, when cells expressing  $\delta$  were treated in a similar fashion. the  $\delta$  protein was far more enriched in the P fraction. Thus, the extraction properties of  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  are different, and the E region (the only difference between  $\beta$  and  $\delta$ 25 proteins) is responsible for these differences.

It was possible that the differences in biochemical properties reflected distinct intracellular distributions of the DP-3 proteins. To test this idea we expressed each of the variants in COS7 cells and determined their intracellular location by immunostaining using anti-DP-3 7.2, an antiserum useful for this purpose since it only recognises the exogenous DP-3 protein. For the immunofluorescences, cells were grown on coverslips in 3 cm diameter dishes.

When either the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  or  $\delta$  variant was expressed in COS7 cells, their intracellular distribution fell into two distinct categories:  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  accumulated in nuclei whereas  $\beta$ and  $\gamma$  were distributed throughout the cytoplasm with a low level staining in nuclei. Although the  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  proteins were exclusively nuclear, within a transfected culture of asynchronous cells minor variation was apparent in the distribution of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  proteins. For example,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ were usually present at higher levels in the cytoplasm relative to nuclei although occasional cells (less than 5% 10 of transfected cells) were seen in which the proteins were present at similar levels in both the nucleus and the cytoplasm, a possible explanation for these observations being suggested later. In summary, these data establish that the differences in protein sequence between the 15 variants influences their intracellular distribution. Specifically, the presence of the E regions in  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$ , but not  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , correlates with the ability of the protein to efficiently accumulate in nuclei.

- The immunofluorescence was performed as follows.

  Transfected cells were fixed in 4% formaldehyde, rinsed and permeabilized in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) containing 1% Triton X-100. Fixed cells were blocked in PBS containing 1% FCS, incubated with the primary antibodies diluted in PBS-1% FCS for 30 min at room temperature, washed three times with PBS and incubated with the secondary antibodies diluted in PBS-10% FCS for 30 min at room temperature.

  After a final wash with PBS, the coverslips were mounted on slides using Citofluor and examined with a Zeiss microscope.
  - As primary antibodies we used a rabbit polyclonal serum raised against a DP-3 specific peptide common to all the DP-3 variants called 7.2, a rabbit polyclonal serum which detects luciferase (Promega), a DP-1 antiserum (098) raised against a C-terminal peptide in DP-1 and the anti-HA

Magnification was 630x unless otherwise indicated.

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were goat anti-rabbit IgG conjugated to fluorescein isothiocyanate (1:200, FITC) and goat anti-mouse IgG conjugated to tetramethylrhodamine isothiocyanate (1:200, TRITC) (Southern Biotechnology Associates Inc). Anti-peptide serum 7.2 was raised against the sequence VALATGQLPASNSHQ (SEQ ID NO: 17) common to all DP-3 proteins.

Example 2: The E region is necessary for nuclear localization.

Since the only difference between the eta and  $\delta$  protein is the 16 amino acid residue E region, the E region must be 10 necessary for the nuclear accumulation of  $\delta$ . To test this idea, we removed the E region from the lpha variant (which like  $\delta$  accumulates in nuclei) to create  $\alpha\Delta E$ , and compared the intracellular distribution of the mutated protein to that of wild-type  $\alpha$  by immunofluorescence in transfected COS7 cells 15 as described above. The results indicated that in the absence of the E region the intracellular distribution of  $lpha\Delta E$  was altered to one which resembled the distribution of etasince it failed to efficiently accumulate in nuclei. data support the implications from the previous studies on a ..20 requirement for the E region in efficient nuclear accumulation, and thus suggest that it may function as or contribute to a nuclear localization signal (NLS).

Example 3: An extended E region functions as a nuclear localization signal.

An NLS can be experimentally defined by its deletion causing a loss of nuclear accumulation or by transferring the phenotype to a non nuclear protein. The previous results indicate that the properties of the E region are compatible with the first statement. To address the second, we attached the E region or an extended E region containing an additional 8 residues from the C-terminal boundary, onto luciferase (see Example 1 above for plasmid constructions).

When expressed in COS7 cells, wild-type luciferase was distributed throughout the cell, being marginally more abundant within the cytoplasm; the protein had a very similar distribution in all cells expressing wild-type luciferase. The insertion of the E region (pGL-E) did not significantly alter the distribution of the luciferase protein. However, when an additional 8 residues was inserted (pGL-Eb) nuclear accumulation became far more efficient. Thus, the E region together with additional residues located further on from the C-terminal boundary is necessary for efficient nuclear accumulation.

Together, these data suggest that the E region is necessary but not sufficient for the nuclear accumulation phenotype, and thus the 16 residue sequence is unlikely to contain an autonomous nuclear localization signal. Rather, the E region functions in a co-operative fashion with an additional part of the protein located at the C-terminal boundary of the E region to confer nuclear accumulation. In this respect, the insertion of the E region may produce a bi-partite nuclear localization signal characteristic of many eukaryotic nuclear proteins, such as nucleoplasmin (Dingwall and Laskey, 1991).

Example 4: The E region is encoded by an alternatively spliced exon.

25 Although it was very likely that the presence of the E region is regulated by alternative splicing, it was not clear whether a discrete exon encoded the 16 amino acid residues. To clarify this question we isolated the DP-3 gene and characterised its genomic organization across the region encoding the E sequence. For this, a genomic library prepared from murine embryonic stem cells was screened with the DP-3 cDNA, positive clones isolated and thereafter the relationship between genomic and cDNA sequence established.

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A λGEM12 genomic library prepared from embryonic stem cell line SV129D3 was plated (approximately 10<sup>6</sup> pfu) and transferred to Hybond N (Amersham International). Filters were hybridised in QuikHyb solution (Stratagene) at 65°C with a  $^{32}$ P labelled mouse DP-3 $\alpha$  cDNA (Ormondroyd et al, 1995). A positive genomic clone which contained the genomic E region was identified via southern blotting using a radiolabelled oligonucleotide antisense to the E region  $(358-407 \text{ bp DP}-3\alpha)$ . A genomic fragment containing the E exon was then cloned into pBluescript (pBS, Stratagene) and 10 sequenced using a Sequenase version 2.0 kit (UBS). nucleotides for PCR and sequencing were made from E+ mouse DP-3 cDNA sequences (Ormondroyd et al, 1995). Oligonucleotide sequences were as follows: 5' of E region, 5' CACCCGCAATGGTCACT-3'(SEQ ID NO: 18), 3' of E 15 5'-ATGTCTCAAGCCTTTCCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 19), 5' region, 7.17A; end of E region E1-S; 5'-GATAGAAAACGAGCTAGAG-3'(SEQ ID NO: 20), 3' end of E region, E2-A; 5'-TTCTGAGAAATCAGAGTCTA-3'(SEQ ID NO: 21).

The analysis indicated that the 16 residues which constitute the E region are indeed encoded by a single 48 bp exon.

Conventional splice acceptor and donor sites exist for the boundaries of the E exon which, in turn, lead into two large introns and, subsequently, exon sequence encoding the surrounding DP-3 protein. This isolation and characterisation of the DP-3 gene indicated that the E region is encoded by a discrete alternatively spliced exon. This is illustrated further in Figure 1.

Example 5: DP-1 lacks an autonomous nuclear localization 30 signal.

A comparison of the E region of DP-3 with the same region of DP-1 indicated that DP-1 lacks a domain analogous to E (Ormondroyd et al, 1995). Furthermore, extensive searches to isolate alternatively spliced DP-1 mRNAs have so far failed and thus we investigated the intracellular location

of exogenous DP-1 when expressed in COS7 cells, using methods essentially as described above.

The DP-1 protein had a similar distribution to the  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  (E- minus) forms of DP-3, since it was located throughout the cytoplasm with occasional low level staining in nuclei, such a result being entirely compatible with the absence of the E region. The absence of DP-1 in nuclei was due to the lack of a NLS since the exogenous DP-1 could efficiently accumulate in nuclei after attaching a foreign nuclear localization signal (NLS), the bi-partite signal taken from the Bel 1 protein (Chang et al., 1995). These data suggest that DP-1 is not actively retained in the cytoplasm but rather its cytoplasmic location is passive.

Example 6: E2F-1 can recruit DP-1 and cytoplasmic DP-3 proteins to nuclei.

The result of Example 5 suggests that the cytoplasmic location of exogenous DP-1 is passive. We reasoned that in the absence of an autonomous NLS a possible mechanism to promote the nuclear accumulation of DP-1 may involve an interaction with its physiological partner, namely the E2F-1 protein. To test this idea, we studied the location of the E2F-1 protein in COS7 cells and thereafter the effect of co-expressing E2F-1 and DP-1 in the same cells.

An E2F-1 protein tagged at its N-terminal with a

haemagglutinin (HA) epitope and visualised by immunostaining with an anti-HA monoclonal antibody was exclusively nuclear. To assess the influence of E2F-1 on DP-1, both proteins were co-expressed and their intracellular distribution determined by double immunostaining with anti-HA monoclonal antibody and rabbit anti-DP-1. Neither the fluorescein-congugated anti-rabbit immunoglobulin or rhodamine-congugated anti-mouse immunoglobulin cross-reacted with the anti-HA monoclonal antibody or the rabbit anti-DP-1 respectively.

There was a striking difference in the distribution of DP-1 upon co-expression of E2F-1: cells expressing the E2F-1 protein contained nuclear DP-1, in contrast to its cytoplasmic location in the absence of E2F-1. In the rare exceptions where the transfected cells expressed only DP-1 (about 1% of total transfected population) the exogenous DP-1 was cytoplasmic. These data strongly suggest that upon forming a DP-1/E2F-1 heterodimer, E2F-1 has a dominant influence on recruiting DP-1 to a nuclear location.

10 We assessed if E2F-1 had a similar effect on DP-3 $\beta$  and  $\alpha\Delta E$ . Co-expression of DP-3 $\beta$  or  $\alpha\Delta E$  with E2F-1 resulted in nuclear recruitment. The presence of DP-1 or DP-3 $\beta$  in nuclei is likely therefore to be dependent upon an interaction with the appropriate E2F heterodimeric partner which subsequently causes the efficient nuclear accumulation of DP proteins.

### Example 7: E2F-1 contains an NLS.

The abilitiy of E2F-1 to recruit DP-1 to the nucleus was investigated further to identify the E2F-1 NLS. Various experiments are used for this purpose. Deletion mutants of E2F-1 are made and are tested for their ability to recruit DP-1 to the nucleus. Experiments indicate that the NLS of E2F-1 (SEQ ID NO. 12) is located at residues 85-91.

#### Discussion: Part A: Summary.

The transport of macromolecules between the cytoplasm and nucleus is mediated in both directions by supramolecular structures which span the nuclear envelope called the nuclear pore complexes (NPCs). Although small macromolecules (less than 40-60kD) can diffuse through NPCs, karyophillic proteins of any size are imported by a selective two-step mechanism which is energy dependent (Fabre and Hurt, 1994; Melchior and Gerace, 1995). Active

transport of proteins into the nucleus is dependent upon short stretches of amino acid residues, known as nuclear localization signals (NLS) and, although consensus NLS sequences have been difficult to define, they frequently consist of clusters of basic residues which may be continuous or bi-partite in nature (Dingwall and Laskey, 1991; Boulikas, 1993).

Since transcription factors exert their effects on gene expression within the nucleus, it is possible that their 10 activity could be regulated through a control of intracellular location. Mechanisms have been described which influence nuclear accumulation in response to a specific signal, such as direct post-translational modification of the transcription factor, dissociation of an inhibitory subunit which masks the NLS and interaction with 15 a nuclear localizing protein (Whiteside and Goodbourn, 1993). Well documented examples occur in the NF-kB/Rel family of proteins, where proteolytic cleavage of a cytoplasmic precursor or an interaction with cytoplasmic IkB and related proteins controls nuclear accumulation of the 20 functional transcription factor (Siebenlist et al., 1995; Norris and Manley, 1995). The glucocorticoid receptor is held in the cytoplasm by virtue of an interaction with heat shock protein 90, and hormone binding widely believed to 25 promote nuclear entry by dissociating the receptor -hsp90 complex (Evans, 1988). In this study, we have documented for the first time mechanisms mediated at the level of intracellular location which influence the nuclear accumulation of the E2F heterodimer.

Part B: An alternatively spliced nuclear localization signal in the E2F transcription factor.

The E2F transcription factor plays an important role in integrating cell cycle progression with transcription (Nevins, 1992; La Thangue, 1994; Müller, 1995; Weinberg, 1995). In physiological E2F members of two distinct

families of proteins, DP and E2F, interact as DP/E2F heterodimers (Bandara et al., 1993), with the functional consequences being co-operative DNA binding, pocket protein binding and transcriptional activation (Bandara et al., 1993; Helin et al., 1993a; Krek et al., 1993). A number of different levels of control are known to be exerted upon the E2F heterodimer, such as binding and transcriptional repression by the pocket proteins (Helin et al., 1993b; Flemington et al., 1993), phosphorylation by cdk complexes (Krek et al., 1994; 1995) and transcriptional activation by 10 MDM2 oncoprotein (Martin et al., 1995). Here, we have described an additional mechanism of control in regulating the activity of E2F mediated at the level of intracellular location. Specifically, our data show that two alternative mechanisms exist which control the nuclear accumulation of 15 the DP/E2F heterodimer regulated, firstly, by alternative splicing and, secondly, subunit composition of the heterodimer.

These conclusions relate to previous observations made on

the DP-3 gene which encodes a number of discrete mRNAs that
arise through alternative splicing. (Ormondroyd et al.,

1995). One of these processing events determines whether
the E region is incorporated in the protein. Here, we show
that the E region is encoded by an alternatively spliced

exon which, together with an additional C-terminal
extension, can confer efficient nuclear accumulation. The E
region therefore contributes to a nuclear localization
signal.

Interestingly, comparison of the sequence of the sixteen amino acid residues within the E region to other previously defined NLSs suggests a closer resemblance to a bi-partite NLS rather than the NLS characteristic of SV40 large T antigen (Dingwall and Laskey, 1991). Although there is some similarity to the SV40 large T antigen-like NLS, neither the sequence nor the functional properties of the E region completely satisfy the requirements for this type of NLS

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(Boulikas, 1993; 1994). For example, the consensus core sequence for an SV40 large T-like motif is likely to consist of at least four arginine and lysine residues, whereas the cluster within the E region consists of three basic residues. Secondly, acidic residues are rarely included within the signal sequence, yet the E region cluster contains an aspartate residue embedded within it.

Functional evidence for this idea was obtained by determining if the E region is necessary and sufficient for nuclear accumulation. Although necessary in the context of 10 wild-type DP-3 sequence, alone the E region was not sufficient to confer onto a non-nuclear resident efficient nuclear accumulation, but rather required an additional region located immediately C-terminal of the E region. sequence, together with the cluster of basic residues within 15 the E region, has a similar arrangement and characteristics for a bi-partite NLS namely, two basic clusters of amino acid residues separated by a spacer region (Dingwall and Laskey, 1991; La Casse and Lefebvre, 1995). In the DP-3 20 variants  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  which lack in the E region, the N-terminal half of the bi-partite signal is removed by the splicing of the E exon.

The role of alternative splicing as a mechanism for generating protein isoforms with different functional properties has been widely described. The inclusion of 25 sequences which function as NLSs has been reported in several cases, such as in the nuclear mitotic apparatus (NuMA) protein (Tang et al., 1994), CaM kinase (Srinivasan et al., 1994) and deoxynucleotidyl transferase (Bentolila et al., 1995). An interesting situation occurs in the Max gene, which encodes a heterodimeric partner for Myc, where Max RNA is alternatively spliced to result in a Max protein truncated at the C-terminus and lacking an NLS (Makela et al., 1992). In contrast to wild-type Max, the truncated Max 35 protein enhances the transformation activity of Myc (Makela et al; 1992). Nevertheless, a physiological splicing event

which regulates a bi-partite NLS in such a fashion by removing one of the clusters of basic residues is, to our knowledge, novel. Thus, these data define a previously unidentified level of control in the E2F transcription factor and could, more generally, indicate a new mechanism for regulating the activity of bi-partite NLSs through RNA processing.

Although these data establish a dependence upon the E region for nuclear accumulation, they do not distinguish between the possibilities that the E region regulates nuclear entry or export. For example, it is possible that E- variants can enter and exit nuclei, and that the presence of the E region impedes nuclear export, resulting in a net nuclear accumulation. Such a possibility would be compatible with the altered biochemical extraction properties confired by 15 the E region, which suggested that the E region may be involved in tethering to an insoluble nuclear structure. Interestingly, pRb is believed to be held in the nucleus by a tethering process, a property characteristic of the hypophosphorylated protein and thus potentially important in mediating physiological effects of cell cycle arrest (Mittnacht et al., 1991).

Part C: Heterodimer formation between DP and E2F family members provides a mechanism for efficient nuclear accumulation.

The DP-3 $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  variants fail to accumulate in nuclei when expressed in COS7 cells, a phenotype which can now be directly attributed to the absence of the E region. The DP-1 protein, which lacks a region analogous to E (Girling et al, 1993; Ormondroyd et al, 1995), behaved in a fashion predicted for an E-DP variant since exogenous DP-1 protein on COS7 cells had a similar location as the DP-3 E-variants.

The distribution of the E- DP variants, which are predominantly cytoplasmic, could result from one of several For example, passive diffusion may occur such that at equilibrium the proteins are more abundant within the cytoplasm. Alternatively, the proteins may have a weak NLS which fails to efficiently target them to nuclei, a possibility consistent with the E- variants still possessing one half of the bi-partite NLS and observations made on the nucleoplasmin NLS where elimination of one half of the bipartite signal does not completely abolish nuclear 10 accumulation (Robbins et al., 1991). Finally, it is also possible that the cytoplasmic pattern results from an active However, this latter possibility is retention mechanism. unlikely since a heterologous NLS was sufficient to confer a nuclear accumulation phenotype. 15

We reasoned that there must be physiological mechanisms which promote the efficient nuclear accumulation of DP-1 given that the endogenous DP-1 is nuclear (data not shown). We therefore tested whether formation of a DP/E2F heterodimer was involved in such a mechanism, experiments 20 which indicated that co-expression of E2F-1 recruited E- DP proteins to nuclei, and thus heterodimerization with an appropriate E2F family member is likely to be sufficient to promote nuclear accumulation. Mechanistically, the nuclear accumulation of E- DP variants upon an interaction with E2F-25 1 may occur if E2F-1 is tethered within the nucleus and, upon interacting with DP variants, causes their retention in Alternatively, the interaction with E2F-1 may the nucleus. occur within the cytoplasm and the physical interaction with E2F-1 be responsible for delivering E- DP variants to the 30 nucleus. Overall, these data suggest two distinct mechanisms for the nuclear accumulation of DP proteins, one dependent on the presence of an intrinsic sequence in the protein and the other on an interaction with the appropriate 35 E2F partner.

The fact that heterodimer formation can promote nuclear accumulation provides a likely explanation for the small proportion of COS7 cells which contain exogenous nuclear ß protein. We suggest in such cells that ß has a nuclear location by virtue of an interaction and heterodimer formation with endogenous E2F proteins.

## Part D: Physiological implications

A mechanism through which nuclear accumulation is dependent upon heterodimerization has a number of important 10 implications for the regulation of functional E2F transcription factor, that is, the DP/E2F heterodimer. For example, it would favour the presence of DP/E2F heterodimers, the physiological form involved in transcriptional activation (Bandara et al., 1993; Helin et 15 al., 1993b; Krek et al., 1993), in nuclei perhaps preventing some non-specific and/or undesirable interactions occurring. It may, in addition, provide a mechanism whereby the induction of nuclear DP/E2F heterodimers is dependent on a rate limiting E2F partner. Indeed, the expression of the 20 E2F-1 gene is known to be under cell cycle control, in contrast to DP-1 which in some cell types is constitutively expressed during the cell cycle (Slansky et al., 1993). such a model, although DP-1 is expressed its contribution to transcriptional activation in the context of the DP/E2F heterodimer during the cell cycle will be strictly dependent 25 upon the levels of E2F-1.

We have established that the E region of DP proteins is required for nuclear accumulation, and that it likely functions as a bi-partite nuclear localization signal.

30 Although this situation is novel, as yet we do have to understand the role that this mechanism plays in physiological E2F and the regulation of cell cycle progression. It is possible, we suggest, the E+ variants of DP proteins function in an analogous fashion as E2F-1 for DP-1 to recruit proteins capable of interacting with E+

variants but which lack an autonomous nuclear localization signal.

In conclusion, this study has highlighted a new and unexpected mechanism of control in regulating the activity of the E2F heterodimer. Specifically, nuclear accumulation is dramatically influenced by two distinct levels of control: alternative splicing of an exon which contributes to a nuclear localization signal and the subunit composition of the E2F heterodimer. It is likely that this control plays an important role in regulating the activity of the E2F transcription factor and hence cell cycle progression.

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  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

#### (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Lys Thr Leu Gly Pro Ile Asn Val Asn Val Gly Pro Gln Met Ile Ile

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  - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
    (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

#### (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

- (ix) FEATURE:
  - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
  - (B) LOCATION: 1..1107

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   (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
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    - (B) TYPE: amino acid

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  - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
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  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (ix) FEATURE:
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  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

#### (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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    - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
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#### CLAIMS

- 1. An assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:
  - a. expressing in a cell a protein comprising (i) the E region and sufficient C-terminal residues thereof of a DP-3 protein to provide a functional nuclear localisation signal (NLS) and (ii) a marker for nuclear localization; and
  - b. determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.
- 2. An assay according to claim 1 wherein the NLS comprises the sequence:

SDRKRAREFIDSDFSE (SEQ ID NO. 9)

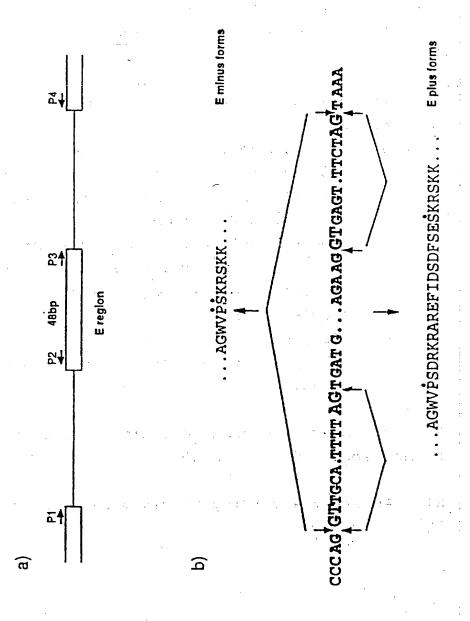
- 3. An assay according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the number of C-terminal residues is from 8 to 20.
- 4. An assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:
  - a. expressing in a cell a protein comprising (i) the nuclear localisation signal of E2F-1 and (ii) a marker for nuclear localization; and
  - b. determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.
- 5. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the cell is a yeast, insect or mammalian cell.
- 6. An assay according to claim 5 wherein the mammalian cell is a primate cell.
- 7. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the marker comprises an antigenic determinant bindable by an antibody.

- 8. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the marker comprises an enzyme capable of causing a colour change to a substrate.
- 9. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the marker comprises a luciferase enzyme.
- 10. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the marker comprises a transcription factor or subunit thereof, which transcription factor is capable of activating an indicator gene.
- 11. An assay according to claim 10 wherein said marker comprises the DNA binding domain (DBD) or the transcriptional activation domain (TAD) of the yeast transcription factor GAL 4, and the indicator gene comprises a GAL 4 promoter.
- 12. An assay according to claim 11 wherein the indicator gene is chloramphenical acetyl transferase (CAT) or a luciferase.
- 13. An assay according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the regulator is a peptide comprising all or part of a sequence which is from 60 to 100% homologous (identical) to a portion of the DP-3 E region of the same length.
- 14. An assay according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the expression of the protein is a transient expression.
- 15. An assay according to any one of claims 1 to 13 wherein the cell is stably transfected with a construct expressing the protein.
- 16. A method of directing expression of a protein in a cell to the nucleus which comprises modifying said protein such

that it comprises an E region of a DP-3 protein or the nuclear localisation signal of E2F-1.

- 17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said protein is a DP-protein which does not normally comprise an E region.
- 18. A protein which does not normally comprise the E region of a DP-3 whose sequence has been modified to comprise said E region.
- 19. An assay for a putative regulator of cell cycle progression which comprises:
  - expressing in a cell (i) an E- DP transcription factor or a portion thereof sufficient to form a hetrodimer with an E2F transcription factor and (ii) an E2F transcription factor or portion thereof sufficient to form a heterodimer with the DP transcription factor or portion thereof and direct localisation of said heterodimer to the nucleus; and
  - b. determining the degree of nuclear localization in the presence and absence of said putative regulator.
- 20. An assay according to claim 19 wherein the DP transcription factor is DP-1.
- 21. An assay according to claim 19 or 20 wherein the E2F is E2F-1.

Figure 1



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